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(54) METHOD OF IMAGE FORMATION, EXPOSURE SYSTEM, AND MANUFACTURE OF DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To provide an image formation and an exposure system, in which a repetitive pattern is projected using most properly polarized light to obtain a high-resolution image. CONSTITUTION: A repetitive pattern on a reticle 4 is illuminated by a lighting system. A beam of light diffracted from the pattern is admitted to the pupil of an optical projection system to project the pattern onto a wafer 6. A deflector 9 is used to select a projection beam that is linearly polarized in a plane perpendicular substantially to the direction in which the period of the pattern is minimized.



